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**SAGE HIRES NEW VICE PRESIDENT AND
EDITORIAL DIRECTOR, BOOKS, HIGHER EDUCATION GROUP**

Los Angeles, Washington, London, New Delhi, and Singapore (August 7, 2008) – As an independent, global publisher of top-tier journals, college course materials, reference works, and academic titles, SAGE is pleased to announce that it has hired Michele Sordi as Vice President and Editorial Director, Books, Higher Education Group, with the goal of expanding its textbook division and publishing the highest quality books and course materials by the leading researchers and teachers.

Michele comes to SAGE after several years at Cengage, (formerly Thomson Learning), working as Senior Acquisitions Editor, Executive Editor, and Publisher, in the Social Sciences division. While there, she earned the honor of “Editor of the Year” five times. Before her stint at Cengage, she worked for Benjamin Cummings/Pearson and Mayfield Publishing Company, (now a part of McGraw Hill).

“I’m excited about the future of the Books program at SAGE,” commented Michele, who reports to Alison Mudditt, Executive Vice President, Higher Education Group. “That excitement emanates from my conviction that SAGE offers authors and customers a unique, personalized publishing experience unavailable at any other house.”

“Joining SAGE allows me to return to my independent publishing roots, and I am thankful for and energized by the exceptional editorial talent in our SAGE Books group,” she added. “Together with our colleagues in production, marketing, and sales, the SAGE Books editorial group is committed to significantly increasing the number of textbooks and targeted academic titles we publish, and ensuring that these publications stand out in the market as ‘SAGE books.’”

“We welcome Michele to the SAGE family,” commented Alison Mudditt. “We’re committed to a content-driven vertical publishing program with proven texts and handbooks, as well as exciting new titles for undergraduate and graduate-level courses, and Michele, with all her previous publishing experience, will be able to competently lead the way. It’s great to have such talented people here at SAGE, helping us to become ‘the natural home’ for authors, editors and societies.”

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